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Honourable A. K. Maclean,

Minister of Finance,

Ottawa, Ont.

My dear Mr. Maclean:

Sir John and Lady Eaton have just notified us that they are contemplating making a gift of very large proportions to the University of Toronto for the extension of the Department of Medicine. They will probably this year give us $25,000 and in the next five years $100,000 each year as capital from which we shall have a permanent income of $25,000.

As you will observe this is a magnificent gift and will render the highest possible service to the whole community. I am anxious to find out from you whether in those circumstances you will not remit the supertax on this amount, because really as you will see the gift to the University will have to be greatly increased if it is to earn us the same return. I think you will recognise that medical service is of supreme value to the cou try as a whole. You know what the Universities have done for military work through their Medical Faculties for the present war. We are putting nearly the whole of our expert advice at the disposal of the country and I think it would only be a fair return to the University of Toronto if there should be a remission of this tax in order that we may secure a gift

of this extent.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.